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In a Letter to a Friend.

IN some part of *France* you may meet with a Dish which they call a *Melange*, and I think we English it a *Hodge-Podge*, which Dish is not made up of so many Different, and disagreeing sorts of Ingredients, as our politicians, and that cannot be harder for the Stomach to digest, then our Ministers and Ministry are to be reconciled to the common Notions of Government; to begin with the Ministers, let us behold *Carmarthen*, President, and *Hampden* a privy Councillor *Harry Guy* Secretary, and *Aaron Smith* Solicitor to the Treasury, My Lord *Falkland*, and *Sr. Robert Rich* in the same Commission, and let us consider the Mayor, Sheriffs and Lieutenancy of *London*; I late to be tedious, and will trouble you with no more. But let us review the Characters of these we have named, *Dorby Laudan* in the Church, *Staffordian* in State; *Hampden* whose *Defect*, as well as his *Undesirableness* makes him *Protestant* true, blue, in Church Worships, as well as in war, a lover of a Common Wealth, *Harry Guy* who has always lived a Currier in all Reigns, and *Aaron Smith* who could scarce understand Monarchy in Any, My Lord *Falkland* who would not degenerate so much from his ancestors to vote for *Addition*; and *Sr Robert Rich* who till he was paid into other Principles, would have pulled down a King every Month: This is a new Gentleman lately come in play it would be an affront to his Character not to put him down more at large in a Satyre. Its not only his promise of pleading a *General Excise*, but other good Qualities that have raised him: He is a Missionary Apostle, and took this Summer his Diocesan Circuit, and if Prayers can abate the Stormes, and calm the Seas, he has Gifts fitted for his place, And if Mobb Oratory is a Talent no King ought to overlook this doughty Knight, He is more dreadful then *Hudibras*, He is a dangerous Enemy, He has Spit his Lungs, and his Blood in the Face of every Government at *Richard's* Coffee-House, in vehemence he exceeds *Tom Garraway*, and as nodd as willy as *Dr. Bore*, he can regulate the Admiralty as well as a Corporation, and he understands Conversions so Ciliably, that he sets up *Shope-Henningham* at *Dr. Birch*, just when the *Bell* comments a *Statesman*; if he were wise now he has got his Preferment he would be as silent in all other matters as he is to be about the Accounts as silent as *Sir Jant French*; But I who ken the Man, expect he will like more to hear himself talk, then he will be regarded in the House of Commons. since he has so lately lifted himself a Court Advocate, And yet after all I believe he will be as much minded as the long Speeches of those

* The Author here uses such hard words as the Persons he speaks of use, without using them any more to a Purpose or knowing more what they mean than the Privy Counsellors be Actions.

of London with a Whigg Mayor, Whigg Sheriffs, Whigg Court of Aldermen, and a *Tammy* Lievetenant, behind a Medly more monstrous, then the Figments of Poets; a Gallimaufry that mad men could not have dream'd of.

But in the Principles of our Constitution which is an *Effusive Monarchy* that was far from *Personal* interest, and levelled merely at *Reformation*, and occasioned by a *Declaration*, that objected against Ministers, that God knows after all we could find no crime in, the power of the *People* exalted into a *Capacity* of

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I am Yours.

